

REMARKS

Claims 39, 42, 44 to 48, 62, 69 to 72 and 74 to 76 were pending. Claims 62, 69 to 72, and 74 to 76 have been cancelled. After entry of this Amendment claims 39, 42 and 44 to 48 will be pending and under examination.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103:

The Examiner rejected claims 62, 69 to 72 and 74 to 76 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,643,296 to Hundertmark et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,986,807 to Farr.

Claims 62, 69 to 72 and 74 to 76 have been canceled and Applicants believe the rejection is now moot.

Terminal Disclaimer

The Examiner rejected claims 39, 42, 44 to 48, 62, 69 to 72 and 74 to 76 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 19 to 24 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/421,979 and claims 1 to 15 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/288,581. Claims 62, 69 to 72 and 74 to 76 have been canceled.

In response to the double patenting rejection, Applicants enclose a terminal disclaimer over co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 10/421,979 and 10/288,581.

Conclusion

In view of Applicants' amendments and remarks, the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejections, and passage of the case to issue is respectfully requested.

If any additional fees are due in connection with this submission, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 16-2312. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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